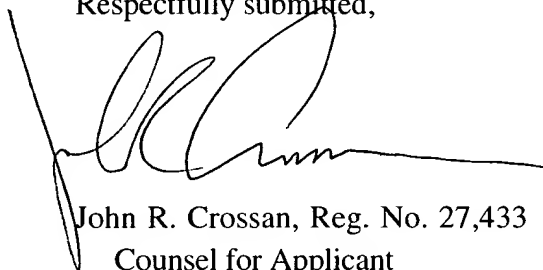


Preliminary amendments are made to the two independent claims not having the length to diameter ratio recitation, to require that that ratio be less than 3.25, in accordance with preferred forms of the invention.

Prompt examination of this case as restricted and elected, including allowance of generic claim 11, and examination then of all of claims 1-50 as amended, are earnestly solicited. If any questions or issues appear, please telephone undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John R. Crossan', is written over the typed name and title.

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